

REMARKS

Claims 8, 13-18, 20-22, 24-27, and 34-36 are currently pending. Claims 34-36 are newly added. Claims 1-7, 9-12, 19, 23, and 28-33 are cancelled.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 8, 13-18, 20-22 and 24-25 set forth in paragraph 10 on page 26 of the Office Action is much appreciated. Allowable claims 8, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 24 were rewritten into independent form, including all the limitations of their respective base claim(s). New claim 34 includes the allowable subject matter of claim 24, but with the limitations of claims 6 and 23 (instead of claims 2 and 23, which were incorporated into claim 24). New claims 35 and 36 are supported, for example only and not limited thereto, by the description in paragraphs 0042, 0043, and 0045 in the present specification.

This Amendment is submitted to place the present application into condition for allowance in view of the allowable subject matter identified in the Office Action. The objection to claim 31 is now moot since claim 31 was cancelled. The prior art rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 are now moot since the rejected claims were cancelled. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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